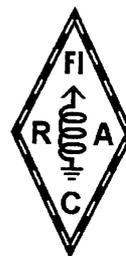




Agenda of the 50<sup>th</sup> FIRAC congress  
Brasow, Transylvania - Romania  
22 – 26/09/2011



1. Opening of the meeting, welcome, Silent Keys
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the record of the FRAC congress 2010 in Boussens, France.
4. Report of the president
5. Report of the PR manager and MC group
6. Cash report
7. Report of the cash auditors: (OE5HFM and IK3RBQ)
8. Relieving of the FIRAC Board
9. New election of the FIRAC board
  - President -
  - Vice-president
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Public relations manage
10. Appoint the commissioners, article 7 of the FIRAC rules - , F6FKK Roland asked to stop the occupation of the FIRAC diplomes. (F6FKK Roland demande arrête de s'occuper des diplômes FIRAC)
11. Election of a cash auditor
12. Fixing of the subscription for 2012
13. Radio traffic
  - European radio nets
  - Overseas radio nets
  - Activation of the Firac radio nets
14. Firac congress 2012 in United Kingdom
15. FIRAC congresses 2013 in Hongary, 2014 in ???
16. Report of HAM RADIO in Friedrichshafen
17. Report about the issued FIRAC awards
18. FIRAC-Homepage
19. ON station award (Annex 1)
20. Discussion of the proposals : Changing the CW contest date. (Annex 2)
21. Sundries
  - CW contest date
  - Addresses of the national groups
  - Addresses of the Firac members

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**Anex 1 :** (<http://www.on800.be/brsa/index.html>)

## **BELGIUM RAILWAYS STATIONS AWARD**

### **Objective**

Belgian Railways Station Award was created in order to promote ham traffic and spirit, and to develop better knowledge of national patrimony.

### **Article 1**

Belgian Railways Stations Award, in brief BRSA, applies to Amateur Radio operations made from a railways station from SNCB ( Société Nationale des Chemins de fer Belges).

These will be identified by a two parts reference number:

A first group of letters corresponding to the telegraphic code of the railways station.

A second group of numbers corresponding to the line number where is the railways station.

These two groups form the reference number of each railways station.

Sample : The railways station " Stockem " on line 162 will reference : MKM162

### **Article 2**

Only the railways stations in the "Stations-book" will be valid for obtaining the BRSA. Any railways stations not included in this list will be accepted that given the coordinates of his exact location, along with a picture. Any applications for registration must be done BRSA-Manager ON800 before activation.

### **EXPEDITIONS**

### **Article 3**

The activation must be done within a maximum radius of 1.000 meters around the railways station. No antenna can be installed within 100 meters of the tracks.

For an activation is validated, the operator must notify the Manager by email to [on800@on800.be](mailto:on800@on800.be) and what the minimum three days before the date of activation. All activations account for 1 point.

The operator must make a minimum of 10 HF-VHF contacts in a single day from 24:00 (0:00 to 11:59 p.m.).

Copy of the log-book ( on paper or electronically in Excel ) should be submitted to ON800 within the following 30 days after the date of activation. A picture (film or digital) of the operator standing on the dock next to the sign indicating the name of the railway station and a picture showing the equipment used should be attached to the log-book. Furthermore, the operator must indicate on his log-book, the province, the longitude and latitude and the QRA locator of the railway station.

The OM's or who have participated in an activation will be validated automatically credited points corresponding to this activation. A certificate will be sent wich must accompany any application for award.

Activators Award. This award is free for the activators.

- Activator Award : free for 10 activations

### **RECOMMANDATIONS**

### **Article 4**

During activation, you are strongly advised to support the exchange of reports not only plays a brief description of traffic conditions, but also some brief information about the railways station.

By participating, operators agree to meet within 6 months than all QSL's cards either directly or via buro.

### **CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING THE AWARD**

### **Article 5**

The award may be awarded either class CW, SSB or mixed for all amateur bands from 2M to 160 M single or multiband. QSO's made via relay satellites, packet, or telephone will not be accepted.

Basic Award : 10 railways stations

Extensions : Thumbnails in increments of 25 railways stations.

Belgian Railways Stations Award Plate Honor Award can be requested from 250 railways stations confirmed.

The award can be obtained by SWL's in the same conditions as those for radio amateurs holding a sign.

**Article 6**

An application for graduation must be presented as a list indicating the reference GCR, the railways station identification, date, QTR, QRG and mode. QSL cards will be made available to auditors and submitted on request thereof.

**Article 7**

All applications must be directed to the BRSA-Manager ON800. Or by mail to [on800@on800.be](mailto:on800@on800.be) or by letter to ON800 Stef COLAS, Route de Bouillon 114, B-6700 Arlon, Belgium.

**Article 8**

The participation fee for the award has been set at 12 euros. It is reviewable. The cost of stickers is 2 euros per extension. The cost of the plate Honor is 20 euros. Contact the BRSA-Manager ON800 to know the payment terms.

**Article 9**

The creator of the BRSA reserves the right to amend this rule, provided that all validations of previous expeditions to any amendments

## **Anex 2:**

Joint proposal from the G. group & M/C member group.  
Modification to the timing of the Fisaic /Firac CW contest.

After joint consultation between members of British Railway ARS and the Miscellaneous Group relating to the timing of the C.W contest the following proposals were decided to be placed before congress.

“The current timing arrangements are unsuitable for the C.W contest due to other contests operating in the current month”

After studying the contest calendar both groups concluded that the contest needs to be moved to an earlier date in the year.

The best month for the contest was judged to be March as there are very few contests and the band conditions are almost ideal.

As to the actual timing either the first or second weekend will prove to be a much better period as this would allow more participation.

Signed on behalf of

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Alex Kurgely. UT2LF

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